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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) North Dakota Tribal Panel Wants to Regulate Oil Development.

Tribal leaders from an oil-prolific portion of North Dakota's Fort Berthold Reservation say they can't count on federal or state regulators — or their own tribal government — to monitor the boom, so they are moving to do it themselves. <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/north-dakota-tribal-panel-regulate-oil-development-32002040>

(North Dakota) Animal anthrax confirmed in Grand Forks County beef cow.

State Veterinarian Susan Keller is urging North Dakota ranchers to make sure their livestock are vaccinated against anthrax, after the first confirmed case of the year in a Grand Forks County beef cow.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/jun/23/animal-anthrax-confirmed-in-grand-forks-county-bee/#ixzz3eZAcuYjg>

(North Dakota) MDU Line Workers Work Around the Clock to Restore Power.

On Friday night and Sunday evening, the rain came faster than storm drains could handle it. Friday night's storm left 11,000 MDU customers in the Bismarck Mandan area without power.

<http://www.kfyr.tv.com/kqcd/home/headlines/KQCD-MDU-Line-Workers-Work-Around-the-Clock-to-Restore-Power-309139851.html>

(North Dakota) ND law designed to prevent air ambulance price 'gouging'.

Information compiled by the North Dakota Department of Insurance shows 20 air ambulance bills from last year or early this year that averaged \$40,874 and left patients with an average out-of-pocket expense of \$24,514. In response to those cases, the North Dakota Legislature passed a law aimed at forcing air ambulance services to become "participating providers" by joining major insurance company networks. <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/news/north-dakota/3771971-nd-law-designed-prevent-air-ambulance-price-gouging>

REGIONAL

(Wyoming) Federal judge blocks Obama from implementing draconian fracking rules. A Federal district court judge temporarily blocked implementation June 23 of a Bureau of Land Management rule governing fracking on leased Federal lands. The judge wants the BLM to explain by July 22 how it developed the rule, which would apply increased regulation to well construction standards, storage of wastewater and disclosure of the chemicals used in the fracking process, and how it considered comments on it from the public.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/jun/23/judge-postpones-obama-administrations-fracking-rul/>

(Minnesota) Glenville, Minn., ethanol plant remains shut down after blast. An ethanol plant in Glenville, Minnesota remained closed June 22 after an explosion early June 21 blasted metal parts through the exterior wall, injuring two workers. Officials are investigating the incident while the plant remains closed indefinitely.

<http://www.startribune.com/glenville-minn-ethanol-plat-remains-shut-down-after-blast/309140781/>

(South Dakota) Lightning believed cause of Rapid City apartment complex fire. A 17-unit apartment building in Rapid City, South Dakota was damaged June 20 after lightning struck the building and caused a fire. Twenty-seven residents were displaced and fire crews were able to extinguish the flames.

<http://www.keloland.com/newsdetail.cfm/lightning-believed-cause-of-rapid-city-apartment-fire/?id=181542>

NATIONAL

(National) Power grid resiliency: final recovery transformer report issued by DHS S&T. The DHS Science and Technology Directorate released a report June 20 stating that an emergency spare transformer program can be a key enabler to mitigating the effects of a high-impact, low-frequency event (such as an electromagnetic pulse weapon), which would damage the U.S. power grid. This report will enable the U.S. to achieve greater resiliency from both man-made and natural threats to the U.S. power grid. <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/power-grid-resiliency-final-recovery-transformer-report-issued-by-dhs-s-t/dc527a03baf8ce748616667ac56f8f48.html>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) New Mexican immigration fiasco as truck carrying hundreds of US visas is hijacked near the border. The U.S. Embassy in Mexico announced June 24 the theft of a truck carrying hundreds of new U.S. visas which occurred in northern Mexico June 7. The intended holders have been notified of the robbery and given replacement cards, and an electronic alert has been issued to prevent illegal border crossings by the thieves.

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/L/LT_MEXICO_US_VISA_THEFTS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2015-06-24-11-22-38

(International) Hackers disrupt Polish airline LOT, ground 10 flights. Officials from LOT Polish Airlines reported that their ground operation systems at Warsaw's Frederic Chopin Airport suffered a 5-hour cyber-attack that grounded 10 national and international flights and affected about 1,400 passengers June 21. An investigation into the attack is ongoing.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/hackers-disrupt-polish-airline-lot-ground-10-flights-484905.shtml>

(International) Flash Player zero-day used by Chinese Cyber-Espionage group. Security researchers from FireEye discovered that the APT3 advanced threat group is currently exploiting a zero-day Adobe Flash Player heap buffer overflow vulnerability patched by Adobe June 23. The group's latest campaign was dubbed Operation Clandestine Wolf, and they generally target organizations from the aerospace and defense, construction and engineering, technology, telecommunications, and transportation industries.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/flash-player-zero-day-used-by-chinese-cyber-espionage-group-485077.shtml>

(France) French Taxi Drivers Protest UberPOP. Angry French taxi drivers disrupted traffic and slowed access to airports near Paris on Thursday to protest the U.S. online ride service UberPOP -- and vowed that the demonstrations will continue through Friday. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/25/europe/france-paris-uberpop-protests/>

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(International) NSA spied on French presidents: WikiLeaks. The United States National Security Agency spied on French presidents Jacques Chirac, Nicolas Sarkozy and Francois Hollande, WikiLeaks said in a press statement published on Tuesday, citing top secret intelligence reports and technical documents.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/23/us-france-wikileaks-idUSKBN0P32EM20150623>

(France) First picture emerges of man beheaded in French terror attack as arrested suspect refuses to answer police questions. The man who was beheaded by an ISIS fanatic at a factory in France has been named as Herve Cornara. His head was found pinned to the gates at the American-owned Air Products factory in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier. It was surrounded by two Islamist flags.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3140304/Decapitated-body-Islamist-flag-industrial-estate-France.html#ixzz3eZ8nQxtt>

(International) British And Irish Tourists Die In Beach Horror. Terrified sunbathers ran for their lives as the attacker, dressed in shorts and hiding his Kalashnikov inside an umbrella, opened fire on the beach in Port el Kantaoui on the outskirts of Sousse, Tunisia. <http://news.sky.com/story/1508894/british-and-irish-tourists-die-in-beach-horror>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) Two more Swiss banks settle with U.S. over tax evasion. The U.S. Department of Justice reported June 19 that Swiss banks, Bank Linth LLB AG and Bank Sparhafen Zurich AG will pay a combined \$5.96 million in penalties to avoid criminal charges for assisting American citizens in tax evasion. Eleven other Swiss banks made similar deals with the U.S. government under a voluntary program set up in 2013. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/19/usa-swiss-banks-idUSL1N0Z51L420150619>

(International) Banks targeted by hackers three times more than other sectors. Raytheon and Websense released findings from a study on their customers revealing that financial services organizations, many of which are U.S. firms, are targeted three times more by cybercriminals than any other industry, and that these attacks are primarily utilizing the Rerdom, Vawtrack, and Geodo malware

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families, among other findings. <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/banks-targeted-by-hackers-three-times-more-than-other-sectors/d/d-id/1321016>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

(Kentucky) Shelter-in-place lifted after HF leak in Jeffersontown area. Peptides International in Louisville, Kentucky was closed June 19 after the chemical, hydrogen fluoride leaked from a cylinder, and prompted a shelter-in-place order and evacuation of over 150 people. HAZMAT crews remained on site for several hours to contain the incident. <http://www.wlky.com/news/chemical-leak-reported-on-electron-drive/33672762>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(New Jersey) N.J. pharmacy robber takes customer hostage; heist believed connected to two others. An armed robber stole Oxycodone and took a customer hostage at a CVS Pharmacy in Woolwich, New Jersey June 19 in an incident investigators believe is connected to 2 other pharmacy robberies in southern New Jersey in the past month. No injuries were reported and efforts by police to track the suspect have been unsuccessful. http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2015/06/nj_pharmacy_robber_takes_customer_hostage.html

(Washington) Thieves go beneath Everett dental office to steal all the copper piping from crawlspace. Everett, Washington, police reported June 23 that Silver Lake Dental Arts was the target of the most costly commercial copper theft to date, as robbers stole the copper piping beneath the facility. An investigation is ongoing to find the culprits and damages total \$90,000 in losses. <http://q13fox.com/2015/06/23/thieves-go-beneath-everett-dental-office-to-steal-all-the-copper-piping-from-crawlspace/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(Washington) Internet, phone service restored for 18,000 customers after CenturyLink outage. Internet and phone service was restored June 21 to approximately 18,000 CenturyLink customers in Washington after lines were down for majority of the day due to equipment issues. 9-1-1 services were also

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affected. http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local/massive-internet-phone-outage-in-the-lower-valley-today/article_539744f2-1852-11e5-8e4a-538ec74e9bf6.html

(California) Verizon offering reward for copper theft information. Verizon officials announced June 25 that the company is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect, or suspects, responsible for the theft of roughly 16,000 feet of copper communication cables throughout Southern California. The company has implemented “additional security measures” to prevent future thefts and is working with State and local law enforcement authorities. <http://www.vvdailynews.com/article/20150625/NEWS/150629826>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Report: Fed investigators negligent in GM faulty ignition switch recall. The U.S. Office of Inspector General released a report June 22 revealing that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration officials repeatedly failed to investigate issues with faulty General Motors ignition switches that would cause the engine to switch off, disabling power steering, power brakes, and vehicle airbags. The issue was connected to over 110 deaths and 200 injuries as well as a recall of about 9 million vehicles. <http://gantdaily.com/2015/06/22/report-fed-investigators-negligent-in-gm-faulty-ignition-switch-recall/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

(Texas) U.S. sues BAE Systems unit for overcharging for military trucks. The U.S. Department of Justice reported June 19 that a Texas-based BAE Systems Tactical Vehicle Systems LP allegedly inflated the cost of truck parts and materials, violated the False Claims Act, and concealed price estimates for 40 parts in a contract with the U.S. Army to build 20,000 military trucks. The case remains ongoing. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/19/usa-defense-fraud-idUSL1N0Z519O20150619>

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

(New Mexico) New Mexico officers to face murder charges. Two New Mexico police officers were charged with second-degree murder while on duty June 23 for allegedly firing on a homeless man who surrendered after a standoff near his tent in the Sandia Mountains in 2014.

<http://www.officer.com/news/14011653/new-mexico-police-officers-to-face-murder-charges>

(California) Ex-Secret Service agent to plead guilty to Silk Road bitcoin theft. A former U.S. Secret Service agent pleaded guilty June 19 to charges alleging that he skimmed hundreds of thousands of dollars in bitcoin, and routed the money to his own accounts while he pursued the founder of the Silk Road online firm.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ex-secret-service-agent-plead-guilty-silk-road-bitcoin-theft-n379416>

(New York) New York prison guard allegedly swapped artworks for tools.

Authorities arrested a second Clinton Correctional Facility prison guard June 24 for his role in the escape of two fugitive convicts. The guard allegedly accepted paintings from the convicts in exchange for tools, in which the paintings were allegedly burned and destroyed around the time of the escape.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/new-york-prison-escape/new-york-prison-guard-gene-palmer-allegedly-took-escapees-paintings-n381531>

ENERGY

(West Virginia) Glasgow power plant closes after more than 60 years of operation. American Electric Power officials closed down the Kanawha River Power Plant June 19, citing the plant's incompatibility with new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.

<http://www.wchstv.com/news/features/eyewitness-news/stories/Glasgow-Power-Plant-Closes-After-More-Than-60-Years-Of-Operation-152052.shtml#.VYgLzs9VhBc>

(National) EPA strengthens underground storage tank requirements to improve prevention and detection of leaks. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released June 22 an update to Federal underground storage tank (UST)

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requirements to improve prevention and detection of petroleum releases from USTs. Revisions include new secondary containment requirements, operator training requirements, and new release prevention and technologies, among others.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/5adf2c80b39c8b1c85257e6c0062de2a?OpenDocument>

(Alabama) Alabama Power agrees to shutter three coal-fired units, convert four others to natural gas in EPA deal. The U.S. Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency announced June 26 a settlement with Alabama Power to retire 3 coal-fired plants, convert 4 coal-fired plants to natural gas, pay a \$100,000 fine, and spend at least \$1.5 million to install electric charging infrastructure for airport service vehicles and company-owned cars.

http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2015/06/epa_alabama_power_agree_to_set.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Wish-Bone Salad Dressing issues allergy alert on undeclared egg in 24 oz. Wish-Bone Ranch Salad Dressing. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 23 that Pinnacle Foods Group LLC is recalling a limited quantity of its Wish-Bone Ranch Salad Dressing in 24 oz. bottles due to an undeclared egg allergen and misbranding. The products were shipped nationwide.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm452491.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(National) Feds feared tens of millions impacted by OPM hack, internal memo says. An internal assessment by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management warned the cyber-assault on its computer systems may have affected as many as 18 million Americans, increasing the number of potential victims from the estimated 4.2 million announced June 4. <http://abcnews.go.com/US/feds-feared-tens-millions-impacted-opm-hack-internal/story?id=31950577>

(International) Leaked government credentials abundant on public Web. Recorded Future released a report June 24 revealing that login credentials

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belonging to 47 U.S. Government agencies have been discovered on the public Web since November 2014, with the most affected agencies being the U.S. Department of Energy and Department of Commerce. The company shared its finding with affected agencies and is unsure if attackers attempted to leverage any stolen information. <http://www.securityweek.com/leaked-government-credentials-abundant-public-web>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Study: 61 percent of critical infrastructure execs confident systems could detect attack in less than a day. Tripwire released survey results from 400 executives in the energy, oil, gas, and utility industries in its “Critical Infrastructure Study” revealing that executives had high levels of confidence regarding their organizations’ ability to quickly detect cyber-attacks on their systems, while noting that attacks could seriously damage their infrastructure, among other findings. <http://www.scmagazine.com/critical-infrastructure-execs-recognize-companies-are-targets-believe-their-systems-can-quickly-detect-attacks/article/422676/>

(International) New password recovery scam hitting Gmail, Outlook and Yahoo Mail users. Security researchers from Symantec discovered a new password recovery scam in which attackers are utilizing targets’ email addresses and mobile phone numbers along with Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, and Yahoo Mail’s password recovery feature to trick victims into compromising their accounts, at which point the scammers create alternate email addresses that receive forwarded copies of all messages on affected accounts. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18537>

(International) Android malware dominates mobile threat landscape. Pulse secure released findings from its Mobile Threat Report revealing that 97 percent of mobile malware is targeted at Android devices, and that in 2014 almost 1 million individual malicious apps were released. The report also highlighted the dangers in jailbroken and non-jailbroken iOS devices, among other findings. <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2414871/android-malware-dominates-mobile-threat-landscape>

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(International) Most-wanted cybercriminal extradited to U.S. from Germany.

German authorities extradited a Turkish suspect, who is considered to be one of the world's most wanted cybercriminals, to the U.S. June 23 on charges that he allegedly organized a complex bank heist of \$40 million in cash from ATMs in New York and in 23 other countries in February 2013. The suspect also reportedly stole \$19 million through 25,700 ATM transactions in 20 countries from 2011 – 2012.

[http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-06-23/turkish-man-accused-in-global-atm-heist-extradited-to-u-s-](http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-06-23/turkish-man-accused-in-global-atm-heist-extradited-to-u-s)

(International) Feds count Cryptowall cost: \$18 million says FBI. The FBI reported that the U.S. Internet Crime Complaints Commission (IC3) received 992 complaints associated with the CryptoWall ransomware resulting in U.S. user and business losses of over \$18 million from April 2014 – June 2015.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/06/24/feds_count_cryptowall_cost_18_million_says_fbi/

(International) Cheap radio device can steal decryption keys from nearby laptop.

Researchers from Israel created a palm-sized radio device that can capture decryption keys from laptops just a few feet away by intercepting bit patterns in electromagnetic emanations from the targeted machine's central processing unit (CPU). The device can be built for about \$300 from readily available components, and was able to extract decryption keys within seconds.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/cheap-radio-device-can-steal-decryption-keys-from-nearby-laptop-485065.shtml>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(New York) Montefiore data breach exposes information for more than 10K patients.

The Montefiore Health System announced June 19 that a former employee allegedly stole up to 12,517 confidential patient records in order to sell financial information from January 2013 – June 2013. The breach was originally discovered in May, and affected patients are being offered identity recovery services and a \$1 million insurance policy.

http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20150619/HEALTH_CARE/150619832/montefiore-data-breach-exposes-information-for-more-than-10k-patients

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(Texas) Health Department investigating cyclospora outbreak. The Austin and Travis County Health and Human Services Department announced June 23 that it is investigating a cyclospora outbreak in response to 15 confirmed and 11 probable new cases of the intestinal illness.

<http://www.kvue.com/story/news/health/2015/06/23/health-department-investigating-cyclospora-outbreak/29175041/>

(California) The California Assembly just approved one of nation's strictest mandatory vaccine laws. The California Assembly passed a bill June 25 restricting exemptions for mandatory vaccination schedules, negating the State's personal belief exemption allowing only children with serious health problems to opt out.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/06/26/the-california-assembly-just-approved-one-of-nations-strictest-mandatory-vaccine-laws/>

(National) U.S. healthcare companies hardest hit by 'Stegolader' malware.

Security researchers from Trend Micro reported that North American healthcare organizations are the primary victims of the Stegolader Trojan, a malware identified as TROJ_GATAK which embeds malicious code in image files to avoid detection and has anti-virtual machine and anti-emulation capabilities to prevent analysis. <http://www.securityweek.com/us-healthcare-companies-hardest-hit-stegolader-malware>

TRANSPORTATION

(National) EPA, DOT propose greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty trucks. The U.S. Environmental Agency and the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are proposing standards for medium and heavy-duty vehicles that would improve fuel efficiency, lower carbon pollution, and cut fuel costs by \$170 billion, while spurring innovation June 19.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/dcf6fef454d171bc85257e6900515f3c!opendocument>

(International) United passengers left to sleep on airport floor after plane was diverted. United Airlines Flight 971 headed to Chicago from Rome, Italy, made an emergency landing June 20 in Belfast International Airport in Northern Ireland

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due to an unruly passenger that caused nearly 300 passengers to sleep on the floor of the airport as the airline was unable to secure hotel accommodations nearby. Passengers were eventually rerouted to a different flight to Chicago after 21 hours in Belfast. <http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2015/06/22/united-passengers-forced-to-sleep-on-airport-floor-after-plane-diverted/>

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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